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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Themes for the November Meeting

This follows up our discussion this morning on themes for the summit. Given the Soviets' single-minded drive to make this an "SDI summit", and given the President's clear desire to defend SDI and to widen the agenda on regional and other issues, perhaps the most effective overall theme would be:

## Moving the Soviets from their Offenses Across the Board

This theme could encompass discussing with the Soviets moving from offense to defense in terms of (a) strategic weaponry/SDI/arms control, (b) Soviet behavior around the globe, and (c) violations of international agreements they made, including (d) their conduct on human rights. Specific themes under this broad one include:

- ° On <u>strategic issues</u> and arms control: moving away from total dependence on strategic offense, as defending people is more moral than avenging them, and other SDI themes.
- ° On regional issues: urging the Soviets to move away from regional offenses around the globe, i.e., in El Salvador/Nicaragua, Angola/Ethiopia, Vietnam/Cambodia, and Afghanistan. None of these countries, nor NATO, constitute a threat against the Soviet Union. Defense of the USSR is, however, proper.
- On <u>agreements</u>: urging the Soviets to move away from their offenses against agreements they have freely entered into, such as the Helsinki Accords, the ARM Treaty, etc. Instead, these agreements should be defended and complied with, in the interest of international stability and peace.
- ° Finally, on <u>human rights</u>: urging the Soviets to move away from their offensive in abusing their citizens. Do Sakharov, or Shcharansky, or any of the dissidents really threaten them?

These themes should be tailored to put the President's main emphasis on moving the Soviets away from their offenses, rather than putting them on the defensive. The themes can, of course, be elaborated, if you believe they are on the right path.

Kenneth L. Adelman

bcc: Mr. Casey

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